will be for five years, two years for Junior Research Fellowship and three years as Senior Research Fellowship subject to satisfactory progress of Research work.

(c) Actual expenditure will depend upon response of students towards the scheme.

Pension scheme for disabled persons

†845. PROF. ALKA BALRAM KSHATRIYA: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the number of disabled persons in the country;

(b) whether Government have considered or are likely to consider to launch a pension scheme for those persons who are totally disabled and unable to do any work; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT (SHRIMATI SUBBULAKSHMI JAGADEESAN): (a) According to Census 2001, there are 2.19 crore persons with disabilities in the country.

(b) and (c) No, Sir. The subject matter of providing pension to persons with disabilities comes under the purview of the State Governments/U.T. Aministrations. Many State Governments/U.T. Administrations are providing disability pension to persons with disabilities.

Impact of schemes for street children

†846. PROF. ALKA BALRAM KSHATRIYA: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the scheme for street children has failed;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons, for its failure; and

(c) the efforts made by Government to make this scheme successful?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT (SHRIMATI SUBBULAKSHMI JAGADEESAN): (a) No, Sir.

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